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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

REF: A. STATE 170841

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C. STATE 175558

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE JULY 31 TO DISCUSS SECRETARY'S SPEECH REGARDING GOALS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UN, STRESSING POINTS IN PARA 3 OF REF A AND CITING EXAMPLES OF OUR POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UN. I APPEALED TO MOGWE TO TAKE A DIRECT AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ISSUES DESCRIBED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT BOTSWANA'S REPS AT UN CONCENTRATE ON ISSUES OF CONCERN AND AVOID COMMITMENT TO BLOC POSITIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE TWO UN SESSIONS. MOGWE WAS LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF THE U.S. POSITION.

2. MOGWE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD GIVE THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. HE COMMENTED THAT AFRICAN STATES WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH HUMAN DIGNITY, EQUALITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND
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TENDED TO JUDGE ISSUES AND COUNTRIES BY THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT

AND INTEREST DEMONSTRATED IN RESOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. HE SAID AFRICANS FELT A STRONG OBLIGATION TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY ON THE QUESTION OF "LIBERATING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT".

3. MOGWE INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE U.S. REACTION IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED OR EXCLUDED FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE U.S. POSITION AS OUTLINED PARA 3 REF B AND GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE U.S. LEGAL POSITION (REF C). I TOLD MOGWE THAT THE EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL WOULD BE AN ACT WHICH WOULD AFFECT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN. MOGWE RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT BOTSWANA HAD NOT CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. HE AGREED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT IT WAS ILLOGICAL TO EXPEL ISRAEL AND THAT THE DIALOGUE MUST CONTINUE IF THE UN IS TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN WORKING FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
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